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Erie County reports 106 new positive cases of COVID-19; cumulative total is 14,366

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and Erie County Department of Health announce 106 new positive cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Erie County as of 11:59 p.m. on Jan. 18.

The total cumulative cases of COVID-19 in Erie County since March is 14,366, with 356 total deaths reported in NEDSS. Updated data can be found on the <u>chart</u> on the "Positive Cases in Erie County" page on eriecountypa.gov. Currently there are 3,801 active cases, and 10,565 cases have recovered and been released from isolation, using the Pennsylvania Department of Health's estimations.

Of the cumulative cases, 54% are female and 46% are male.

The breakdown of cumulative cases by race/ethnicity is as follows:

- 50% White residents
- 7% African American/Black residents
- 3% Asian residents
- 1% Other
- 39% Unknown

Three percent of the cases are Hispanic, of any race; 36% are not Hispanic; and 62% are unknown.

The age breakdown of the cumulative cases looks like this:

- 1% are ages 0-4
- 1% are ages 5-9
- 7% are ages 10-18
- 12% are ages 19-24
- 37% are ages 25-49
- 22% are ages 50-64
- 19% are ages 65 and older

Note: Percent values of each breakdown may not total 100 due to rounding.

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Dr. Howard A. Nadworny, infectious disease physician and a consultant for the Erie County Department of Health, shared an update on the vaccine during today's press briefing.

The Erie County Department of Health released this <u>FAQ document</u> on the COVID-19 vaccine. More vaccine information can be found on the websites for the <u>Pennsylvania Department of Health</u> and the <u>CDC</u>.

All residents are reminded to wear a mask over their nose and mouth when near anyone who does not live inside their home, keep a 6-foot distance from others, stay home as much as possible – and definitely when feeling ill, wash hands frequently, and limit activities outside of their homes.

The next press briefing will take place Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 3 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to take the safe choices pledge at eriecountypa.gov.

All questions related to COVID-19 should be directed to Erie County Department of Health at 814-451-6700 or ecdhinfo@eriecountypa.gov.

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